



FARM AND HOME

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DOMAIN

Grace Nill Crowell

This is my domain, and I shall keep it
 Beautiful—a place of joy and light
 Where those who leave it will be glad returning,
 And where my man can find his rest at night.
 Plain things to work with, and a plain dominion
 Yet simple wares kept clean will gleam and shine,
 And I have strength in my good arms, and water
 And soap and wind and sunlight, all are mine;
 Those cleansing agencies that help a woman,
 And I have pride in any work done well,
 A new baked loaf, a pan of fluffy biscuits,
 The gorgeous jewels glowing in my jells—
 The victory at some hard task completed,
 The joy of knowing I have done my best
 Within my quiet place—the sweet
 With life, and love, and laughter, toil and rest.

THE FARMER'S BUSINESS OVERSEAS

In the first five months of last year, our corn exports amounted to 11,000 bushels; in the same period of 1938 they totalled 25,000,000 bushels. This dramatically shows the part agriculture is playing in our foreign trade this year. For January through May, 25 per cent of all our exports were farm products, as compared with only 17 per cent last year. Foreign countries are buying more of our wheat, corn, meat and lard this year.

GRASSHOPPERS DESTROYING CROPS

Eastern Montana growers of wheat and oats are lamenting the influx of grasshoppers which have brought total ruin to many fields of grain and which the farmers are not able to poison to any appreciable extent. Many farmers are cutting the unripe grain in an effort to save what they can. It is said that 55 grasshoppers were found on one stalk of wheat. Aviators reported the insects flying more than a mile above the earth as well as alighting in fields. They are headed towards Canada.

USE SOURWOODS FOR ORNAMENTAL TREES

The Southern garden for July has an interesting article on sourwood trees which urges that they be used for ornamental purposes. Reasons advanced are the beauty of the foliage, especially in autumn, the panicles of white, sweet-scented blossoms resembling lily-of-the-valley, and the fact that sourwood trees never grow very large and may be used where space is limited.

In England sourwoods are used far more extensively than here, featuring in many formal plantings on large estates.

The young trees are not easy to transplant, but they may be grown from seed. They belong to the Heath family as do rhododendrons and mountain laurel, and are hardy as far north as Boston. The tree is sometimes called the sorrel, and is the only one of its kind

known in the world. It should be much more widely used in the South which is its natural home.

IT'S PEACH CANNING TIME

Try this method for peeling your peaches, plunge into boiling water for two minutes, then into cold, drain and remove skins and pits.

SWEET PICKLED PEACHES

From Mrs. Fred Page

1-2 peck peaches, 2 lb. brown sugar, 1 pt. vinegar, 1 oz. stick cinnamon, cloves.; Boil sugar, vinegar and cinnamon twenty minutes. Stick the peeled peaches with four whole cloves, put into the syrup and cook until tender.

SMALL COTTON CROP

The South has the smallest cotton crop since 1900, according to Government reports. "We planned it that way." The foreign demand shrinks, and the price of cotton, controlling the acreage, and other Federal curbs have created serious conditions in the South.

The "Solid South" has its own ideas regarding President Roosevelt's proposals about the "No. 1 economic problem." Governors and Senators of the Southern States are divided in their opinions about how to patch up the plights in industrial and agricultural Dixieland.

4-H BOYS AND GIRLS TO MEET AT COLLEGE

Farm boys and girls from practically every county in North Carolina will gather at State College next Monday to spend a week at the annual 4-H short course, July 25-30.

A well planned program of recreation and education has been arranged for the young people by L. R. Harrill and Miss Frances MacGregor, 4-H club leaders at the college.

At the first formal session Monday morning, Col. John W. Harrelson, administrative dean of State College, and Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, assistant director of the extension service, will address the boys and girls. Dr. I. O. Schaub, dean of the school of agriculture and director of the extension service, will speak Monday evening.

Gov. Clyde R. Hoey will speak Thursday and Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, is scheduled for an address on Wednesday morning. Clyde R. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will appear on Friday's program.

Class work will be given from 10 to 12:45 o'clock each morning. The courses will cover parliamentary procedure, good grooming, good manners, foods and nutrition, home care of milk, food conservation, handicrafts, room improvement, clothing, adventures with books, home beautification, recreation, leadership, agricultural engineering, conservation of natural resources, plant diseases, crops, livestock, the farm shop, and horticulture.

Crowning of the State 4-H King and Queen of Health Pageant on Thursday evening and the candle-lighting ceremony Friday evening will be two of the outstanding events of the short course.

The afternoons will be occupied with games, informal get-togethers, swimming, and sight-seeing

tours. In addition to special programs, the evenings will feature community singing, vesper services, and recreation.

TOBACCO HELD BEFORE MARKETED

The time tobacco can be held depends upon the condition of the tobacco and the care exercised in handling. As a general rule, tobacco should be marketed as soon after curing as is practical. After the weed has been left for a few days in the pack house and then "cooped" to allow the leaves to straighten out and undergo any changes necessary for the improvement in color, it should then be graded and marketed. If graded tobacco is held over, it should be repacked at least once a day to prevent mold in case the weed has a little too much moisture.

PREVENT HORNS ON CALVES

The development of horns on calves can be prevented by applying caustic soda or potash to the horn buttons when the calf is from four to eight days old. Clip the hair from over and around the button, wash and thoroughly dry clipped surface and then apply the solution with a caustic stick. The stick should be moistened at one end and rubbed carefully on each horn button two or three times, alternating between the buttons until there is a raw place about the size of a nickel. Do not rub until the spot bleeds. Care should be taken not to use too much moisture for if it gets in the eye it will cause blindness. Keep animals under shelter if there is a chance for rain.

TRI-CHAPTER MEETING

The regular monthly tri-chapter meeting will be held at Wendell on Wednesday, July 27. The Wakelon boys have charge of the program. Let's have a large number of Wake lon boys attend. Don't forget the date.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

One of the prettiest small peach orchards in this county is that of Mrs. Will Duke. Why buy peaches from the Sand Hills when you may get those grown at home.

Wakelon Boy Gets High Honors

On Friday of last week, Norris Hales, son of F. P. Hales was awarded the Carolina Farmer Degree at the tenth annual convention of the Young Tar Heel Farmer's Organization, in Raleigh.

This degree represents outstanding member attainment and minimum qualifications are as follows:

1. Completion of at least two years of vocational agriculture with outstanding supervised practice or project work.
2. Outstanding qualities of leadership as shown by ability in school organizations, and chapter activities.
3. At least \$200.00 earned and deposited or invested in agriculture.
4. Make an average grade of 80 or above in all high school subjects.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion successfully for 20 minutes.
6. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in local chapter.

7. Make High School Judging or Debating team.

8. Receive a majority vote of delegates present at State meeting and respond with a two minute speech of appreciation.

This degree is third and highest that can be attained in the State organization. Out of 10,000 students of Vocational Agriculture enrolled in the State, only 39 boys received this honor during the recent conference.

Norris is the first Wakelon boy to receive this degree, and the following summary of his record proves his merit:

Norris is 17 years old, has completed three years of Vocational Agriculture, and has earned a net profit of \$423.02. He has a savings account of \$50, and an investment of \$220.00. His investments this year are as follows: cows \$60.00, poultry \$50.00, cabbage \$60.00 and tobacco \$50.00. In addition he has 2 acres in corn.

He has served his chapter as Reporter, Secretary, Treasurer, and President. He was president of his literary society, vice-president of the Glee Club and was a member of the live stock judging and seed judging teams. His average grade in agriculture was 95 per cent.

Norris plans to remain an active

member of the local chapter for the next three years and plans an agricultural career after college.

AUGUST TIPS FOR THE GARDEN

It is time to begin thinking of next year's flowers, and the hardy perennials listed below may be planted early in August. If you plan to sow your seed, with the idea of transplanting later, be sure to select a bed that has a great deal of shade.

Be sure that you burn all old, diseased leaves and stalks from your hollyhocks. Remember it is a sun loving plant, and plan to plant them in groups, or in borders with shrubs, back against walls or fence

If you want best results from your perennial plants, dig them up and divide every three or four years. August is a good month for doing this job.

Plant some or all of these now:

Hollyhocks, Snapdragons, Sweet Williams, Shasta Daisy, Foxglove, Delphinium, Calliopsis, Coreopsis, Asters, Gaillardias, Stocks, Phlox, Verbena, Scabiosa, Old Fashioned Pinks, Dusty Miller, Candytuft, Baby's Breath, Bleeding Heart, Golden Glow.

PEAS, PEAS I HAVE THEM PEAS VELVET BEANS SUDAN, MILLET

26 Thousand Riven Tobacco Sticks, Hay, Meal, Hulls, Freezers, Fruit Jars, Rubbers, Lids, Fish Meal, Lanterns, Thermometers, Twine, Paris Green, Arsenate of Lead, Rotenone, kills Bean Beetles; Best Pure Apple Vinegar; Kerosene, 10c

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